

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims to read as shown below. This listing of claims will replace all previous versions and listings of claims in the application.

1-19. (Canceled)

20. (Currently Amended) A method for ~~carrying out~~conducting an electronic transaction, comprising the steps of:

~~performing a data interchange between a first network subscriber node and a second network subscriber node with a first terminal at the first network subscriber node via a first communication network for stipulating transaction data for the transaction;~~

~~receiving an identification number for a second terminal at the first network subscriber node that communicates via a second communication network, different than the first communication network, into the first terminal at the first network subscriber node;~~

receiving, at a network subscriber node, an ~~transmitting the~~ identification number and the transaction data regarding a desired electronic transaction to be completed between a customer and a transaction service provider, in connection with a telephone of the customer, the identification number identifying the telephone, the transaction data comprising information related to the desired electronic transaction ~~from the first network subscriber node to a third network subscriber node via a third communication network;~~

~~verifying the validity of the identification number by the third network subscriber node;~~
and

identifying, by the network subscriber node, an associated telephone service provider node from a plurality of telephone service provider nodes registered with the third network subscriber node using the identification number, the telephone service provider node operated by or on behalf of a telephone service provider associated with the customer, said associated service provider node comprising a mobile radio telephone provider node;

transmitting, by the network subscriber node, the verified identification number and the transaction data from the third network subscriber node to the associated telephone service provider node via a fourth communication network;

receiving, at the network subscriber node, a confirmation that a credit has been reserved by the telephone service provider node, the ~~reserving a credit stipulated by the transaction data~~

~~and reserved by at the associated service provider node for the second network subscriber node by debiting an account at the first network subscriber node of the customer, which account is managed at the associated telephone service provider node, and confirming the reserved credit by the associated service provider node to the third network subscriber node via the fourth communication network;~~

after receiving the confirmation that the credit has been reserved,

generating, by the network subscriber node, a transaction number; and

transmitting, by the network subscriber node, the generated transaction number from the third network subscriber node to the second telephone of the customer terminal at the first network subscriber node via the second communication network;

receiving, by the network subscriber node, an input transaction number that has been provided by the customer at at the a first computer terminal of the customer, the computer terminal being different than the telephone of the customer at the first network subscriber node; and

transmitting the input transaction number to the third network subscriber node via the third communication network;

verifying the input transaction number by the third network subscriber node by comparing the input transaction number with the generated transaction number; and

in response to a successful verification of the input transaction number:

confirming, by the network subscriber node, the credit reserved by the telephone associated service provider node by the third network subscriber node to the second network subscriber node via the third communication network;

receiving, at the network subscriber node, a confirmation that the desired electronic transaction has been completed confirming conclusion of the transaction by the second network subscriber node to the third network subscriber node via the third communication network; and

confirming, by the network subscriber node to the telephone service provider node, that the desired electronic transaction has been completed, thereby authorizing the reserved credit to be posted to the transaction service provider via the telephone service provider. -conclusion of the transaction by the third network subscriber node to the associated service provider node via the fourth communication network; and

~~posting the reserved credit to the second network subscriber node via the associated service provider node.~~

21. (Currently Amended) A method for ~~carrying out~~conducting an electronic transaction, comprising the steps of:

~~performing a data interchange between a first network subscriber node and a second network subscriber node with a first terminal at the first network subscriber node via a first communication network for stipulating transaction data for the transaction;~~

~~receiving an identification number for a second terminal at the first network subscriber node that communicates via a second communication network, different than the first communication network, into the first terminal at the first network subscriber node;~~

receiving, at a network subscriber node, an ~~transmitting the~~ identification number and the transaction data regarding a desired electronic transaction to be completed between a customer and a transaction service provider, in connection with a telephone of the customer, the identification number identifying the telephone, the transaction data comprising information related to the desired electronic transaction~~from the first network subscriber node to a third network subscriber node via a third communication network;~~

~~verifying the validity of the identification number by the third network subscriber node;~~
and

identifying, by the network subscriber node, an associated telephone service provider node from a plurality of telephone service provider nodes registered with the third network subscriber node using the identification number, the telephone service provider node operated by or on behalf of a telephone service provider associated with the customer~~said associated service provider node comprising a mobile telephone provider node;~~

transmitting, by the network subscriber node, the verified identification number and the transaction data from the third network subscriber node to the associated telephone service provider node via a fourth communication network;

receiving, at the network subscriber node, a confirmation that a credit has been reserved by the telephone service provider node, the reserving a credit stipulated by the transaction data and reserved by at the associated service provider node for the second network subscriber node~~by debiting an account at the first network subscriber node of the customer, which account is managed at the associated telephone service provider node, and confirming the reserved credit by~~

~~the associated service provider node to the third network subscriber node via the fourth communication network;~~

after receiving a confirmation that the credit has been reserved,

~~generating a transaction number and transmitting the generated transaction number from the associated service provider node to the second terminal at the first network subscriber node via the second communication network;~~

receiving, by the network subscriber node, an input transaction number that has been provided by the customer at a computer terminal of the customer, the computer terminal being different than the telephone of the customer, at the first terminal at the first network subscriber node and transmitting the input transaction number to the third network subscriber node via the third communication network;

~~— sending the input transaction number from the forwarding the input transaction number from the third network subscriber node to the associated telephone service provider node via the fourth communication network;~~

receiving a confirmation from the associated telephone service provider node that the verifying the input transaction number has been verified by the associated telephone service provider node, the input transaction number being verified by comparing the input transaction number with the a generated transaction number that had been provided by the associated telephone service provider node to the telephone of the customer; and in response to a successful verification of the input transaction number;

~~— confirming the verified transaction number by the associated service provider node to the third network subscriber node via the fourth communication network;~~

~~— confirming to the transaction service provider, by the network subscriber node, that the credit has been reserved by the associated telephone service provider node by the third network subscriber node to the second network subscriber node via the third communication network;~~

~~— receiving, at the network subscriber node, a confirmation confirming that the desired electronic transaction has been completed conclusion of the transaction by the second network subscriber node to the third network subscriber node via the third communication network; and~~

~~— confirming, by the network subscriber node to the telephone service provider node that the desired electronic transaction has been completed, thereby~~

authorizing the reserved credit to be posted to the transaction service provider via the telephone service provider. ~~conclusion of the transaction by the third network subscriber node to the associated service provider node via the fourth communication network; and,~~
~~posting the reserved credit to the second network subscriber node via the associated service provider node.~~

22. (Canceled)

23. (Currently Amended) The method as claimed in claim 20, wherein at least one of the identification number, the transaction data, and the input transaction number is transmitted from the ~~first network subscriber node~~customer to the third network subscriber node indirectly via the ~~second network subscriber node~~transaction service provider.

24. (Currently Amended) The method as claimed in claim 20, wherein at least one of the identification number, the transaction data, and the input transaction number is transmitted from the ~~first network subscriber node~~customer to the third network subscriber node directly.

25. (Previously Presented) The method as claimed in claim 20, wherein the transaction data comprises at least one of a purchase price and a product specification.

26. (Currently Amended) The method as claimed in claim 20, wherein the telephone comprises one of a mobile telephone and a landline telephone ~~second communication network comprises one of a mobile radio network and a landline telephone network,~~ and the identification number comprises one of a mobile radio number or a landline telephone number.

27. (Currently Amended) The method as claimed in claim 20, wherein ~~at least one of the first and third communication networks comprises~~ customer provides the input transaction number at the computer terminal, via the Internet.

28. (Currently Amended) The method as claimed in claim 20, wherein ~~the~~ the step of confirming to the telephone service provider node that the desired electronic transaction has been completed network comprises sending confirmation to the telephone service provider node via fourth communication network comprises a landline telephone network.

29. (Currently Amended) The method as claimed in claim 20, wherein the transaction number comprises one of a one-off ~~validity~~ valid transaction number and a transaction number with a time limit for validity.

30. (Currently Amended) The method as claimed in claim 20, wherein the ~~third-network~~ subscriber node transmits an error message to the ~~second-network-subscriber-node~~ transaction service provider ~~via the third communication network~~ in response to one of (a) a failure of the verification of the input transaction number by the ~~third-network~~ subscriber node and (b) a failure of the confirmation of the credit reserved by the associated telephone service provider node by the ~~third-network~~ subscriber node.

31. (Currently Amended) The method as claimed in claim 20, wherein verifying the validity of the identification number and identifying the associated telephone service provider node comprises the step of completing an electronic comparison with a table file.

32. (Currently Amended) The method as claimed in claim 20, wherein, if the credit is not confirmed within a prescribed period, then the reserved credit is deleted.

33. (Canceled)

34. (Currently Amended) The method as claimed in claim 20, wherein the ~~third-network~~ subscriber node transmits an error message to the associated telephone service provider node to delete the reserved credit ~~via the fourth communication network~~ in response to an unsuccessful verification of the input transaction number.

35. (Currently Amended) The method as claimed in claim 20, wherein the credit is reserved a credit rating check at the associated telephone service provider node.

36. (Currently Amended) The method as claimed in claim 20, wherein the ~~second transaction network subscriber node service provider~~ prompts the ~~first network subscriber node~~customer for reinput of the input transaction number in response to a failure of the verification of the input transaction number by the ~~third network subscriber node~~.

37. (Currently Amended) The method as claimed in claim 23, wherein the generated transaction number is transmitted by the network subscriber node via short message service.

38. (Canceled).

39. (Canceled)

40. (Currently Amended) The method as claimed in claim 21, wherein the reserved credit is invoiced to the ~~first network subscriber node~~customer by one of a later mobile radio invoice and a prepaid card.